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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuel.

Many years of effort have been spent on siting a national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is a better option than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuel at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for years and the containers used for these purposes have been designed and built to specifications that can withstand extreme conditions. These containers have been put through exhaustive testing and have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concludes that Yucca Mountain meets or exceeds the criteria for this type of facility.

Taxpayers money has been ineffectively used year in and year out without any end in site. This site has been constructed and evaluated and any further delay could only be construed at the very least as intolerable mismanagement. The US Navy has been successfully transporting and storing high radioactive material for over 40 years without incident. If the US Government is incapable of performing this task perhaps a review of the Navy's program may help add direction.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President without delay.

Sincerely,

Concerned taxpayer

John Conroy

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